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CHAP. HIM V. and boit enaded, That if any person shall be sued or impleaded for showing or otherwise deskroying such twine and geole as aforesaid, the defendant may plead the general issue, and give this act may plead the and special matter in evidence.

## XXX **P**. HA

An ACT to empower Eleanor Lyon, Henry Lyon, William Canter, junior, to sell the real estate therein mentioned of Joseph Lyon, deceased.

Preamble.

THEREAS Bleanor Lyon, Henry Lyon, and William Canter, junior, do set forth in their petition to this general assembly, that Joseph Lyon, deceased, (late husband of the above named Eleanor) became purchaser of a tract or parcel of land lying and being in Calverton manor, in Charles county, of the commissioners for the sale of confiscated British property, and that the estate of the deceased is by no means sufficient to discharge the debt thereby incurred, and the securities cannot be released from their obligations; and it appearing just and necessary that a law should pass for their relief, therefore,

Land to be fold, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Affembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Eleanor Lyon, Henry Lyon, and William Canter, junior, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to sell, at public vendue, the above tract or parcel of land lying and being in Calverton manor, in Charles county, purchased by Joseph Lyon, deceased, of the commissioners for the sale of confiscated British property, and the money arising from the sale thereof shall be applied to the discharge of the debt thereby incurred, and the release of the securities, and the residue, if any, shall be, to every intent and purpose, considered as the personal estate of the above named Joseph Lyon, deceased, and shall be distributed as such according to law.

Notice to be given, &c.

III. And be it enaced, That eight weeks notice shall be given in the Maryland Gazette, or Baltimore Journal, before the day of fale, and the purchaser shall give bond and good security for the payment of one moiety within twelve months, the other within two years.

## HA P. XXII.

A Bill, entitled, An ACT to enable the commissioners of Baltimore-town to open and widen Hanover-lane in the faid town.

Preamble.

HEREAS a number of the inhabitants of Baltimoretown, by their petition to this general assembly have set forth, that great inconveniences arise to the town of Baltimore, and the inhabitants thereof, from the narrowness of Hanover-lane, leading from Market-Areet to Hanover-Areet, and that great advantages would be derived to the public and the proprietors of the adjacent lots, provided the commissioners of the said town were empowered to open and widen the same; and the said petitioners did further set forth and propose, that the said commissioners might be empower-